

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	
BY DAKOTA RANGE III, LLC FOR A)	MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF
PERMIT OF A WIND ENERGY FACILITY)	PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE
AND A 345-KV TRANSMISSION LINE IN)	
GRANT AND ROBERTS COUNTIES)	EL18-046
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COMES NOW, Staff (“Staff”) of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) and hereby files this Motion for Adoption of Procedural Schedule.

This docket was opened on October 26, 2018, with the filing by Dakota Range III, LLC (Dakota Range), for a permit of a wind energy facility and a 345-kV transmission line in Grant County and Roberts County, South Dakota. The parties to this proceeding are currently Staff and Dakota Range. To date, no individuals have filed an application for party status in this docket.

Under SDCL 49-41B-25, the Commission must issue a decision on this matter within six months of the filing.

Given the time constraints in this docket, Staff requests the Commission adopt the following procedural schedule:

Applicant Supplemental	January 4, 2019
Staff/Intervenor Testimony Due	February 4, 2019
Rebuttal Testimony Due	February 18, 2019
Final Discovery to All Parties	February 19, 2019
Responses to Final Discovery Due	February 26, 2019
Witness and Exhibit Lists Due	February 27, 2019
Evidentiary Hearing	March 4-6, 2019

In addition, Staff requests the Commission order that all responses to discovery requests are due 10 business days after service, unless otherwise agreed to, in writing, by the inquiring

and responding parties. Given the time constraints of this docket, allowing additional time to respond to discovery requests will significantly interfere with the number of rounds of discovery the parties may issue. Staff does recognize that certain discovery requests may take additional time to complete and recommends that the response deadline be flexible to allow additional response time upon agreement by the party issuing and the party answering the discovery request. Staff attempted to accommodate the thoughts and concerns of the Applicant and any potential intervenors, when drafting this recommendation.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests the Commission issue an order adopting Staff's proposed procedural schedule as detailed in the Motion and establishing a ten-business day deadline for responses to discovery requests, with the exception of final discovery, which Staff requests be due on February 26, 2019.

Dated this 20th day of December 2018.

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